

At Ebenezer Church

Diamonds to be honoured Sunday

Three life-long residents of Nassagaweya will be honoured at Ebenezer United Church Sunday.

Arthur, Marion and son Gordon Diamond will be recognized for their service to the community and the church.

"Through their families, Art and Marion are truly among the pioneers of Nassagaweya," said Cindy Lunau, a member of Ebenezer. "Their country warmth and caring has made them among today's favourite citizens."

The family's many friends are invited to attend the celebration which will begin with the dedication of a hymn board during the church service at 11:15 a.m. A reception and lunch will follow at 1 p.m.

Art and Marion are both descendants of original pioneer families of Nassagaweya. Art was born in 1905, the only child of Florence and Thomas Diamond.

His grandfather established the family farm on Fourth Line in the 1850s where the Diamonds reside today with their son Gordon.

Marion was born in 1916, the oldest daughter of Anne and Nelson Anderson whose farm was east of the Diamond's on Fifth Line. Marion's grandparents, the Marshalls and the Andersons, also settled in Nassagaweya in the mid-1800s.

Art and Marion married in 1940, and their family includes two sons and four grandchildren. The couple have always been among the leaders in the Ebenezer congregation, said Ms Lunau.

They have helped with all activities and have served in church organizations and on executive boards. In 1949, Art and Marion volunteered to be "temporary" caretakers — a job which proved to be 40 years long.



Marion and Art Diamond (pictured here in 1940) will be honoured for their years of service to Ebenezer United Church and the Nassagaweya community Sunday at the Guelph Line church.

Gordon has always helped as well and he carries on the Diamond service to the church, she added. The family is also an ardent supporter of the Nassagaweya community.

Art is a retired electrician and farmer, a former school trustee and former member of local agricultural societies. Marion remains active in the Nassagaweya Historical Society and the Nassagaweya Women's Institute and she sings in the church choir.

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